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START A Fine Business in Spare Time!

RUN THE BEST "SHOE STORE BUSINESS" IN YOUR TOWN!



FREE!
SELLING
OUTFIT

YOU DON'T INVEST A CENT! EVERYTHING FURNISHED FREE!

I put a "Shoe Store Business" right in your hands... you don't invest a cent... make big profits... no store overhead... exclusive sales features build your business. You can have a profitable "Shoe Store Business" right in your hands. None of the expenses of rent, clerk hire, light, fixtures, etc. of the ordinary shoe store. You just make money! You're independent with an opportunity to make a handsome income as long as you care to work, in a business with a never-ending demand, because EVERYBODY WEARS SHOES.

Just rush the coupon—I'll send you my Starting shoe outfit right away. **ABSOLUTELY FREE.** Valuable actual samples, and demonstrators of calf skin leather, kangaroo, kid, horsehide and elk-tanned leather furnished free of a penny's cost to qualified men.

My Professional Selling Outfit contains cut-away demonstrator so your customers can actually feel the restful Velvet-eez Air Cushion innersole. Special accurate measuring device—National Advertising reprints—door opener kits—calling cards—polishing cloths—the actual shoes—everything you need to build a profitable repeat business. Here's your chance to join me and get into the BIG MONEY shoe business now!

OVER 150 FAST-SELLING STYLES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Satisfy the needs and tastes of almost every person in your community. Sell amazing Velvet-eez air cushion innersole shoes with steel box toes—horsehide shoes, elk-tanned leather shoes, kid shoes, kangaroo leather shoes, slip-resistant Gro-Cork soles, oil resistant Neoprene soles—every good type of dress, service, and sport footwear—over 150 styles for men and women at money-saving direct-from-factory prices. Exclusive comfort features that cannot be found in retail stores. Your customers will be amazed at the comfort they get from walking on 10,000 tiny air bubbles in Velvet-eez shoes.

Also special steel shanks and sturdy built-in comfort arches. Be the Mason Shoe Counselor in your area—give folks comfort and make lots of EXTRA cash every week! You're way ahead of competition—you draw on our factory production—each customer gets EXACT fit in the style he or she wants. Your service ends tiresome shopping from store to store trying to find a shoe that fits in a style the customer wants. Special features make it extra easy to sell gas station men, factory workers, waiters, etc.

HUGE NATIONAL ADVERTISING PROGRAM. You are played up in big powerful ads in National magazine. People are eager to get the special personal fitting service we advertise for your benefit. Get started by rushing the coupon QUICK!

MASON SHOE MFG. CO.
DEPT. MA-224 CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISC.

PUT A "SHOE STORE
BUSINESS" IN YOUR
HANDS... YOU DON'T
INVEST A CENT...
MAKE BIG PROFITS...
NO STORE OVERHEAD
... EXCLUSIVE
SALES FEATURES
BUILD YOUR REPEAT
BUSINESS



MORE PROFITS SELLING LEATHER JACKETS

Add more money to your income selling top quality horsehide, capeskin, suede, nylon, gabardine, and other popular leather jackets. Also raincoats. **EVERY OUT-DOOR MAN A PROSPECT FOR THESE STURDY HANDSOME GARMENTS, STYLED AND TAILORED BY EXPERTS.**



GOOD HOUSEKEEPING SEAL

The Good Housekeeping Magazine Guarantee Seal on Velvet-eez shoes opens doors for you and clinches sales.



SPECIAL FEATURES MEANS FAST SALES!

You sell features that no other shoe man or store can offer the folks in your territory—like the wonderful **EXCLUSIVE Velvet-eez AIR CUSHION** that brings day long comfort to men and women on their feet on hard floors and pavements. The Velvet-eez demonstrator you'll get free in your professional Sales Outfit will make easy sales for you, even in your spare time, as it has for hundreds of other Mason Shoe Men.



Velvet-eez

DON'T DELAY

SEND FOR FREE OUTFIT!

MASON SHOE MFG. CO.
MR. NED MASON, DEPT. MA-224
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN

Save up right away for BIG PROFITS! Rush me your FREE Starting Selling Outfit featuring Air Cushion shoes, leather jackets, and fast sellers. Send everything free and postpaid.

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____
Town _____ State _____

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NOW YOU CAN FLY A REAL JET PLANE!



JETEX F-102

SPECIAL OFFER

If bought in the store, the Jetex #50 engine alone would cost \$1.95; the Jetex F-102 \$9.95, a total cost of \$2.90.

Rush the coupon and you get both the Jetex F-102 and the Jetex #50 jet engine for only \$1.98 (plus postage and handling charges, C.O.D.)

\$1.98

Includes fuel supply.

GUARANTEED TO FLY!

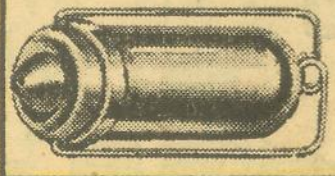
The Jetex F-102 is unconditionally guaranteed to fly if all instructions have been faithfully followed. If the Jetex F-102 does not fly, return the plane and the engine within 10 days for full refund.

FLASH!

As of this printing, the U.S. Air Force's F-102 does not have a name, because this supersonic airplane is brand new and still in the category of a military secret. The Jetex F-102 is the first model of its kind.

AMAZING JETEX #50 JET ENGINE

The world's smallest jet engine and the most powerful engine of its size ever sold. Operates at a jet exhaust speed of 800 miles per hour. Runs on solid fuel, starts every time, completely reliable. NO MOVING PARTS TO BREAK OR WEAR OUT. Can be used to power model airplanes, racing cars and boats.



JETEX F-102 HUNTINGTON, N. Y.

- Complete with Jet Engine
- Genuine Balsa Wood

You'll thrill and amaze your friends, be the envy of the neighborhood with this real JET airplane. It looks like a real jet, flies like one, even sounds like an actual jet plane. It will fly amazing distances at scale supersonic speed. The Jetex F-102 takes off under its own power, loops, circles, stunts and glides to a beautiful landing. As it flies, this beautiful model leaves a trail of white smoke just like a real jet.

The Jetex F-102 is a cinch to build. Comes complete with the famous Jetex #50 jet engine and all parts already cut out. Nothing more to buy! Just follow the easy instructions, glue the parts together and you're ready for thrills! This amazing jet airplane is made of GENUINE BALSA WOOD throughout. Its special construction gives it terrific strength and durability and with ordinary care the Jetex F-102 will give hundreds of fun-filled flights.

It's fun to assemble, thrilling to fly. So don't delay—SEND NO MONEY—rush your order today to be sure of prompt delivery.

MAIL THIS COUPON NOW!

JETEX F-102 DEPT. PT-II HUNTINGTON, N. Y.

Please rush the JETEX F-102 and JETEX #50 jet engine. I will pay postman only \$1.98 plus C.O.D. charges on arrival.

Name.....
(please print)

Address.....

City..... Zone..... State.....

☐ I enclose \$2.00 in cash, check or money order to save on C.O.D. charges. If the airplane does not fly, I may return it in 10 days for full refund of purchase price.

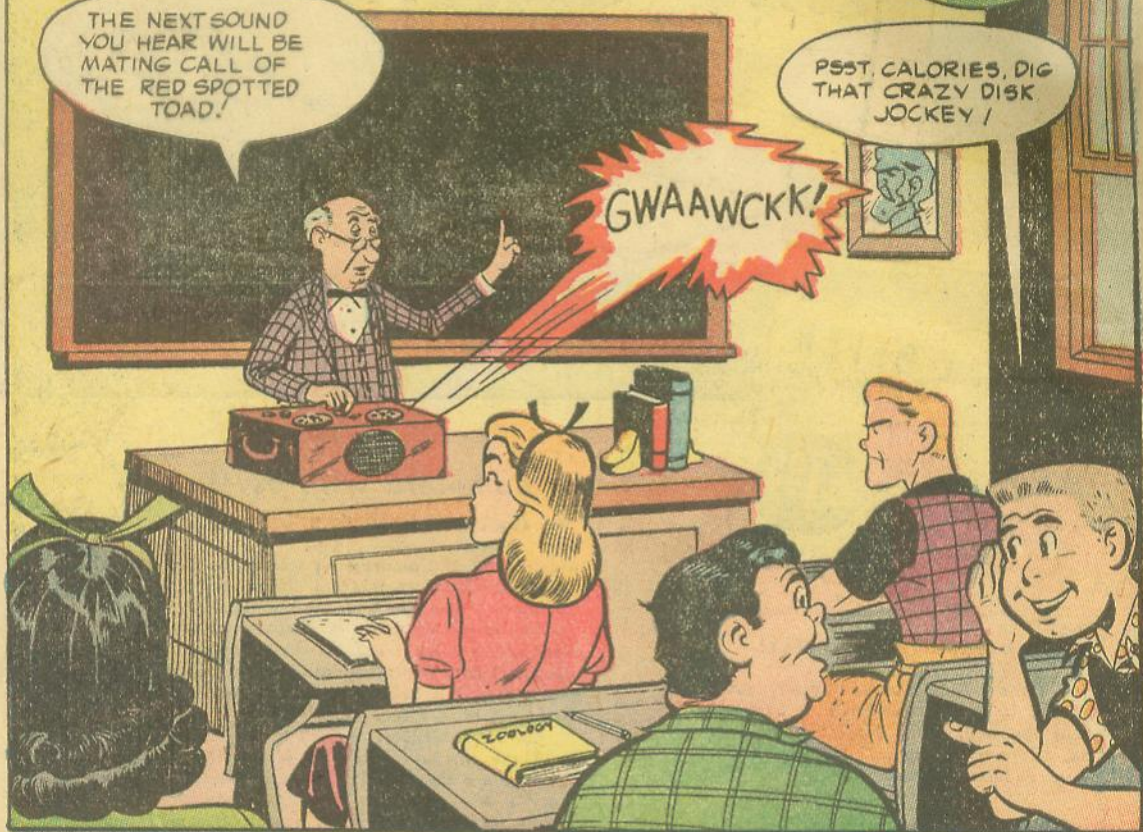
MERTON

CRAZY
DISK
JOCKEY!

THE NEXT SOUND
YOU HEAR WILL BE
MATING CALL OF
THE RED SPOTTED
TOAD!

PSST, CALORIES, DIG
THAT CRAZY DISK
JOCKEY!

GWAAWCKK!



HEY! THINK OF THE
FUN WE'D HAVE IF
WE PLANTED THAT
RECORDER IN THE
GIRL'S LOCKER
ROOM! WE COULD
FIND OUT WHAT
THEY **THINK**
OF US!

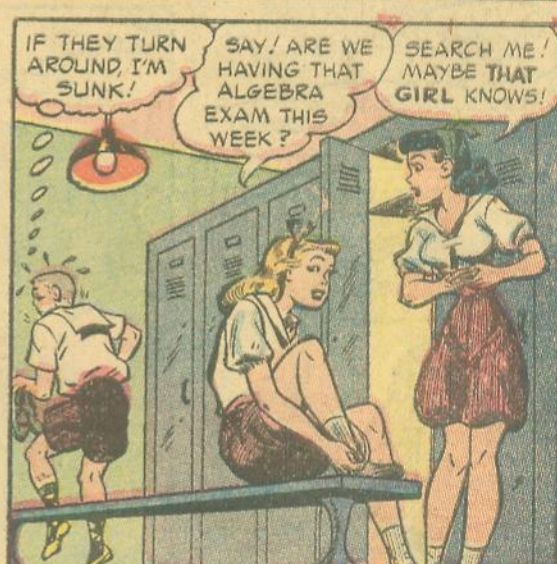
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WANT
TO
KNOW!

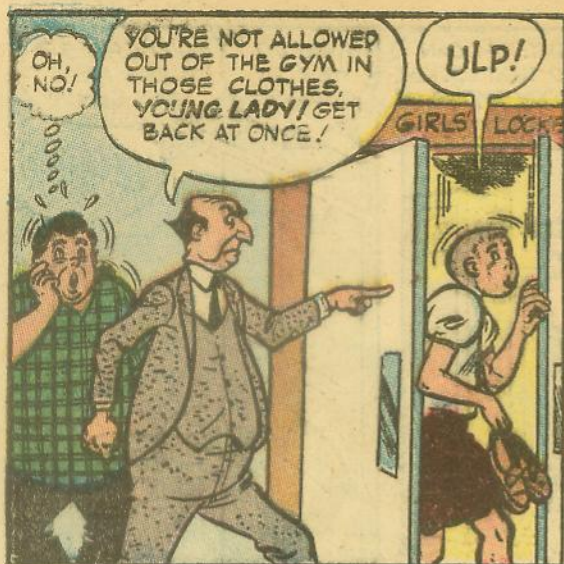
CAN WE BORROW
YOUR RECORDER,
PROFESSOR WIDGETT?
THERE ARE SOME
REAL INTERESTING
ANIMAL NOISES
NEAR WHERE
I LIVE!

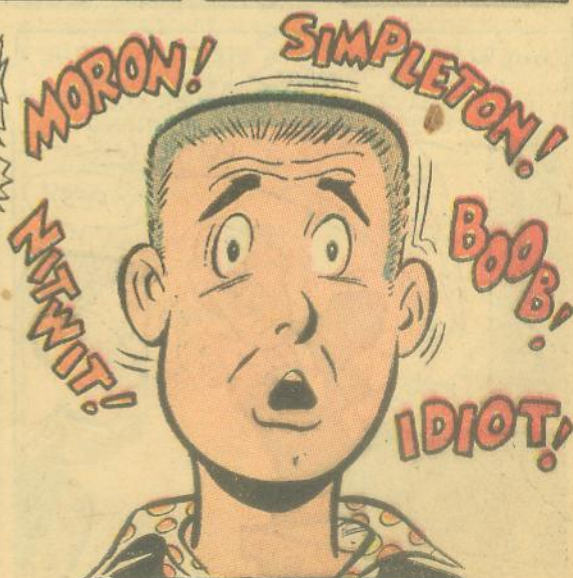
CERTAINLY!
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE
TAKING
SUCH AN
INTEREST!

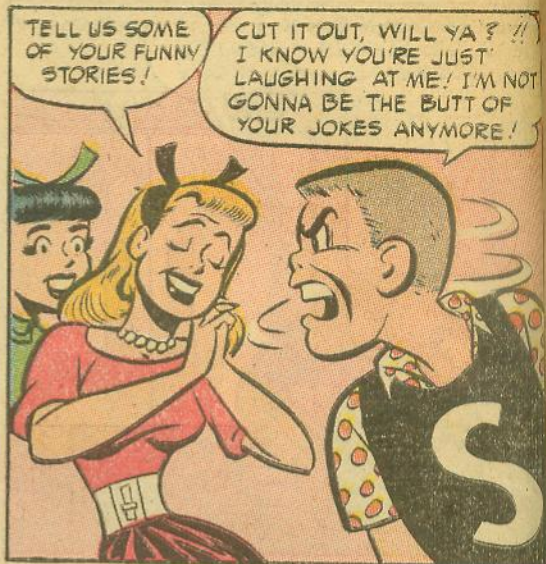
MY! I NEVER SUSPECTED THAT
MERTON... **MERTON! YE
GODS! WHAT HAVE I
DONE ???**











MERTON

A
HECK
OF A
HAIR-DO!

NOTICE ANYTHING
DIFFERENT,
MERTON, DEAR?

YEAH...YOUR
HAIR NEEDS
COMBING!

Beauty
Salon

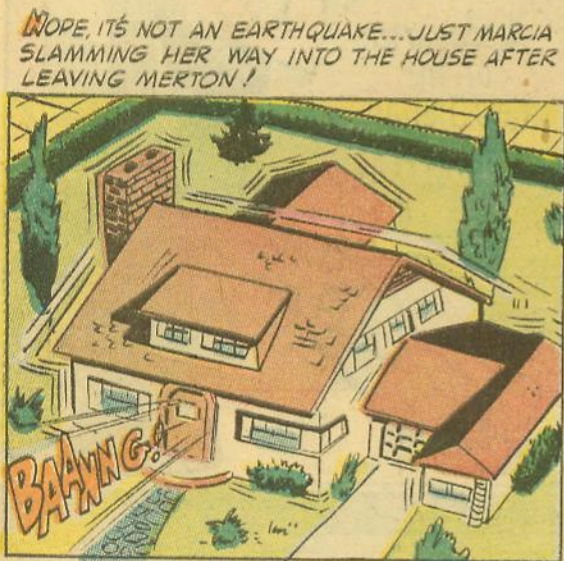
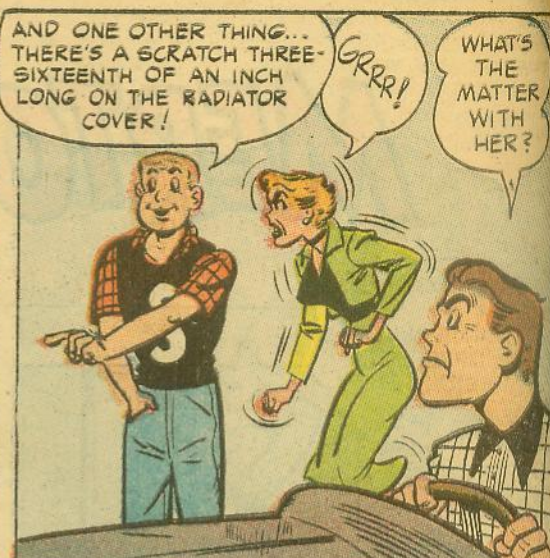
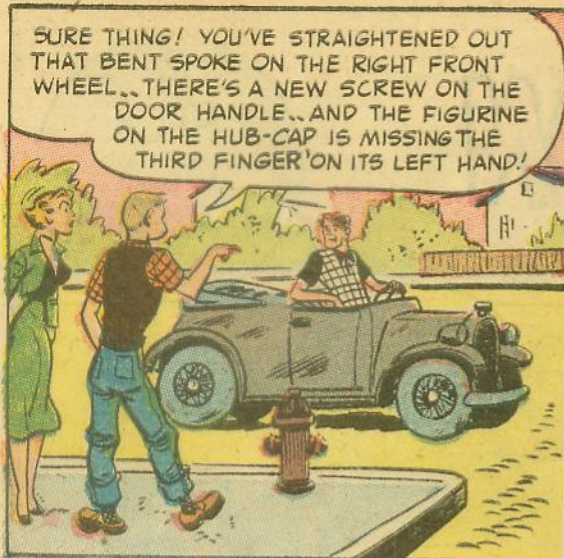
Headquarters
of the
New Italian
Hair-do

...7...8...
9...10...!

WHAT'RE YOU COUNTING
FOR, MARCIA...THE GUY
IN THERE SHORT-
CHANGED YOU?

I GUESS IT'S JUST
ONE OF THOSE FACTS
OF LIFE I'LL HAVE
TO GET USED TO...
**MEN JUST NEVER
NOTICE ANYTHING!**

HI, MERT...NOTICE
ANYTHING
DIFFERENT?



AT LAST MARCIA GETS HER POINT ACROSS... AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE PHONE IN THE MUDDLE HOUSEHOLD BEGIN TO RING SHRILLY...

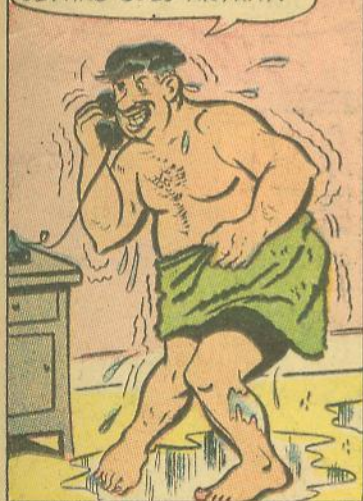
MERTON IS TOO BUSY TO ANSWER IT...

MERTON'S MOTHER IS VERY BUSY TOO...

So MERTON'S FATHER IS ELECTED!



THE WATER IN THE SHOWER WAS GETTING COLD ANYWAY!



NOW SEE HERE, MUDDLE! THAT BOY OF YOURS HAS MADE MY MARCIA VERY UNHAPPY! POOR GIRL NEEDS SOME CHEERING UP! I WANT YOU TO SEE TO IT THAT HE TAKES HER OUT TOMORROW!



LATER...

GOSH, DAD. DO I HAVETA? GIRLS ARE LIKE LEECHES! ONCE THEY MAKE CONTACT YOU CAN'T BRUSH THEM OFF. SHE'LL EXPECT ME TO TAKE HER OUT EVERY WEEKEND!

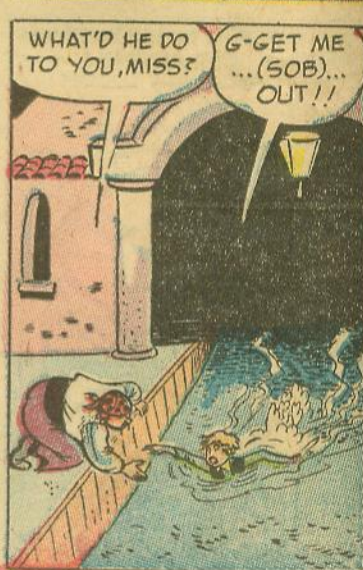
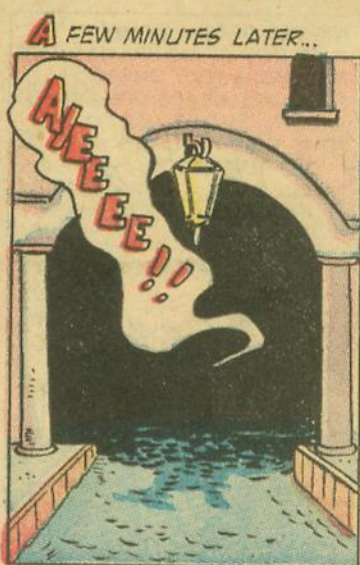


HI, MARCIA! WHERE ARE WE GOING TOMORROW?

MERTON, HOW SWEET OF YOU TO CALL! LET ME SEE... I THINK I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE ME TO THE TUNNEL OF LOVE AT THE LIDO AMUSEMENT PARK. I'VE HEARD THE TUNNEL HAS A NEW ITALIAN DECOR... AND IT'LL GO WELL WITH MY NEW HAIR-DO!

TUNNEL... (GROAN) OF LOVE... HUH? AND JUST BECAUSE IT HAS A NEW ITALIAN DECOR... NO OTHER... (SHUDDER) REASON?





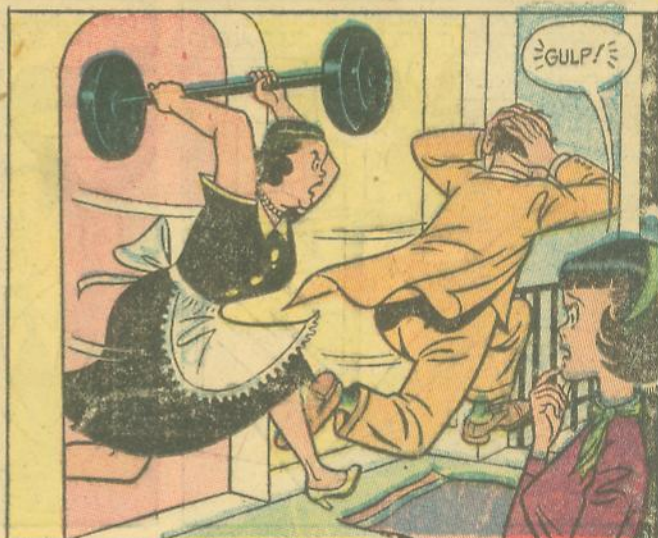
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MELODY

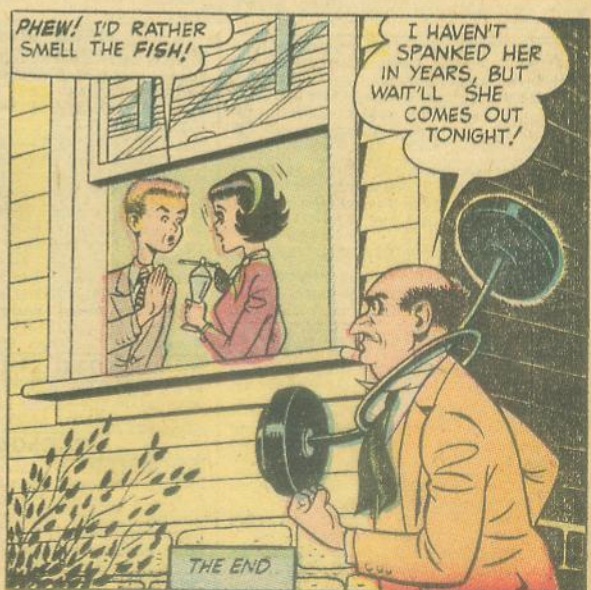
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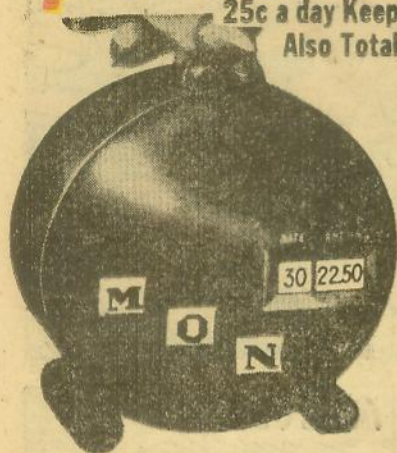
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SAVE \$100.00

**Quickly
and Easily
with this Automatic**

**25c a day Keeps Calendar Up-to-date
Also Totals Amount Saved!**

DATE & AMOUNT BANK



How would you like to save almost \$100.00 a year in quarters without ever missing them? Would you like to have money for Christmas or birthday gifts, appliances, clothes, vacations, children's education, or just for a rainy day? Most people never get around to saving, but now, with the new miracle Banclok Date and Amount Bank, it's fun to save a quarter every day — and how it mounts up!

What's more, Banclok also totals the amount you save. Can be used year after year.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:
Banclok forces you to save because it is not just an ordinary bank — it's a perpetual calendar, too. Every time you put in a quarter the automatic calendar changes the date.

SEND NO MONEY

Just mail coupon today. Your Bancloks will be sent C.O.D. for 10-day trial. Guaranteed to show you a profit in only 8 days or Money Back.

FREE 10-Day Trial "On Approval"
Mail Order Today for Prompt Delivery

Reg. \$3.50
Mail Order
Special PPD.

Personalize
with initials
23c per letter

LEECRAFT—DEPT. TP
400 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17 N. Y.
Rush me _____ Banclok Date and Amount
Banks for 10-day trial. I'll pay postman \$1.98
each plus C.O.D. postage (Money-Back
Guarantee).
Include Initials _____ (25c per letter)
Print Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zone _____ State _____
☐ SAVE C.O.D. and POSTAGE CHARGES
Check here if enclosing full payment with this
coupon. Then we pay all shipping charges
for you. (Same 10-day trial and Money-Back
Guarantee.)

LOOK HERE! for BIG MONEY MAKING OPPORTUNITIES for MONEY-SAVING GOODS and SERVICES

SALES HELP—AGENTS WANTED

ANYONE CAN SELL famous Hoover Uniforms for beauty shops, waitresses, nurses, doctors, others. All popular miracle fabrics—nylon, dacron, orlon. Exclusive styles, top quality. Big cash income now, real future. Equipment FREE. State your age, HOOVER, Dept. A-120, New York 11, N. Y.

MAKE MONEY! Show friends sensational \$1.00 Greeting Card Assortment for birthdays, anniversaries, get-well, etc. A year's supply for average family. Also exciting All-in-Fun comic assortment. Samples on approval. Wallace Brown, 225 Fifth Ave., Dept. K-96, New York 10, N. Y.

FREE! Let me send you (f.o.b. factory) food and household products to test in your home. Tell your friends, make money. Rush your name and age, ZANOL, Dept. 6053-A, Richmond St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

AMAZING EXTRA MONEY PLAN gives you gorgeous dress without penny cost. Rush name today, with dress size, HARFORD, Dept. L-2180, Cincinnati 25, Ohio.

SPARE TIME MONEY plus NEW CAR as encouragement bonus. Amazing 60 gauge nylons, 3 pr. guaranteed 3 mos. Write to WILKNIT, A-7741 Midway, Greenfield, O.

STRANGE "DRY" WINDOW CLEANER sells like wild. Replaces messy rags, liquids. Simply glide over glass. Samples sent on trial, KRISTEE, Dept. 90, Akron, Ohio.

SELL MIRACLE ORLON Embroidered Work Uniforms! Looks, feels, tailors like wool; wears 3 times longer. Outwears cotton 5 to 1. Acid-proof, grease-resistant. Washes perfectly pressed. Amazing profits. Outfit FREE. TOPPS, Dept. 871, Rochester, Indiana.

ADVERTISERS

You're looking at the world's biggest classified advertising buy! SEVENTEEN MILLION circulation at a cost-per-word so low, you'll schedule your advertising here every issue. For rates, closing dates, full information write COMIC BOOK CLASSIFIED, 400 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

HELP WANTED

MAKE MONEY INTRODUCING world's cutest children's dresses. Big selection, adorable styles. Low prices. Complete display free. HARFORD, Dept. L-2394, Cincinnati, O.

MANUFACTURER—Wants reliable MEN—WOMEN for Profitable Mail Order work. Home. Sparetime. Write LIEBIG INDUSTRIES, Beaver Dam 20, Wis.

GET EXTRA SPENDING MONEY quick and easy, in spare time! Show neighbors gorgeous new greeting card assortments. Year's supply for birthdays, all occasions, at bargain. Everybody buys. Pays you big profits. Experience unnecessary. FREE Stationery Samples: Assortments on approval. STUART GREETINGS, 325 Randolph St., Dept. 607, Chicago 6, Ill.

PHOTO FINISHING

12 JUMBOS 35c, 8 JUMBOS 25c, 16 JUMBOS 50c from roll or negatives with this ad. C.G. SKRUDLAND, Lake Geneva, Wis.

PERSONAL

BORROWING BY MAIL. Loans \$50 to \$600 to employed men and women. Easy, quick. Completely confidential. No endorsers. Repay in convenient monthly payments. Details free in plain envelope. Give occupation. State Finance Co., 323 Securities Bldg., Dept. K-74, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

FEMALE HELP WANTED

SEW OUR REDD-CUT HANDY-HANKY aprons at home. Easy, Profitable. A & B Enterprises, 2516 N. Albert Pike, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

ADDRESS ADVERTISING Postcards. Must have good handwriting. Lindo, Watertown, Massachusetts.

TRICKS, MAGIC, NOVELTIES

CATALOG OF 3200 NOVELTIES. JOKERS, TRICKS, Funmakers, Magic Gadgets, Timesavers, Hobbies, Models, Guns, Sporting Goods, Jewelry, Cameras, Optical Goods, etc. Send 10c to JOHNSON SMITH CO., Dept. 712, Detroit 7, Mich.

INVISIBLE REWEAVING

MAKE BIG MONEY AT HOME! Invisibly reweave damaged garments. Details Free. Fabricron, 8332-A S. Prairie, Chicago, Ill.

DISPOSAL UNITS

OUTDOOR TOILETS, CESSPOOLS, SEPTIC TANKS cleaned and deodorized with amazing new product. Just mix dry Powder with water; pour into toilet. Safe, no poisons. Save digging, pumping costs. Postcard brings FREE details. BURSON LABORATORIES, Dept. 0-91, Chicago 22, Illinois.

WHOLESALE CATALOGUE

BE A JOBBER—make big money. Draw from our 250,000 stock of toys, novelties, appliances, jewelry, religious goods, nationally-advertised wrist watches—hundreds of others. Get jobber discounts even in small quantities. Profits over 100%! Write for FREE catalog. Modern Merchandise, Dept. CBC, 169 W. Madison St., Chicago 2, Ill.

Call the Beautiful Wild Birds to you and make Pets of them Complete Bird House and Bird Care Station only \$1



BIRD HOUSE
(MADE OF NON-RUST ALUMINUM)



BIRD BATH

Plus FREE—Bird Caller, Bird Food, Bird Book, and Unbreakable record of 18 true imitations of bird calls and songs.

Whether you live in the City or Country, you can enjoy the thrill of the pioneers and naturalists. They love to watch the birds of the wild making their homes and raising their children. They learn to imitate their songs and calls. So can you.

Now for the first time ever, you can get bird house, bird bath, feeding station, all made of rust-proof sheet aluminum, decorated so that the birds will love to use them... plus. Free bird food, Easy to use bird caller, Bird finder book and the unbreakable vinyl hi-fidelity record of 18 bird calls and songs... all for the amazing price of \$1.00.

In a few minutes you can set up your outfit on your own window-sill, porch, or tree. Almost immediately the birds will flock to your feeding station, take baths in your bird bath and sing and chirp to your record or your own bird calls. Soon, too, some birds will move into your bird house, lay their eggs and start to raise a family. All your friends will envy your wonderful new pets and your ability to imitate their calls. Your parents and teacher will be amazed at how you know and learn to do so many new things.

10 DAY FREE TRIAL:

Just fill in the coupon below. We will rush your whole outfit by return together with the free bird caller, record, bird food, and bird book. Set it up and use it for 10 days. If you are not delighted, just return the aluminum house, feeder and bird bath for a refund of the complete purchase price. And keep all the rest as a gift from us. But rush now and be the first in your neighborhood to have this wonderful outfit.

You get all this:

- Sheet aluminum bird house, in natural colors
- Simulated leaf bird bath
- Bird feeding station
- Bird food
- Bird call imitator
- Book of 30 bird pictures—in rich detail
- American flag for bird house decoration
- 7 inch Vinyl unbreakable phonograph record with 18 authentic beautiful bird-calls and songs

only \$1.00



BIRD FRIENDS OF AMERICA, Dept. # 948
35 Wilbur St., Lynbrook, New York

Rush me my complete Bird House, Care Station Bird Book, Record and Caller for only \$1.00. If I am not 100% delighted I may return the outfit after 10 days free trial, for prompt refund of the full purchase price.

☐ I enclose \$1.00 plus 25c for postage and handling.

☐ Send G.O.D. I will pay postman \$1.00 upon delivery plus the small postage and handling charges.

Name _____

Address _____

PAN-AMERICAN

BAND INSTRUMENTS

EASY TO PLAY

TO HELP YOU GET IN YOUR SCHOOL BAND!

SEND FOR Free INSTRUMENT PICTURE!
(They're listed below)

CLARINET	FLUTE
TROMBONE	VIOLIN
CELLO	DRUM
CORNET and TRUMPET	

Also get your copy of **WISIP "Musiquiz"** for only 5 cents

See the PAN-AMERICAN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR CHOICE at your dealer. Write for his name.

Your school band or orchestra wants you to join them... and Pan-American "Easy to Play" band instruments can help you learn fast! An exciting "Musiquiz" test called WISIP (What Instrument Shall I Play) can tell you, for sure, what instrument you can learn faster, easier! Use coupon to get free picture of instrument of your choice... also your copy of WISIP "Musiquiz."

PAN-AMERICAN BAND INSTRUMENTS
Department 256 • ELKHART, INDIANA

☐ Send FREE picture of _____

☐ Send WISIP "Musiquiz." I enclose five cents. (Instrument)

☐ Send name of my Pan-American dealer.

NAME _____

STREET _____

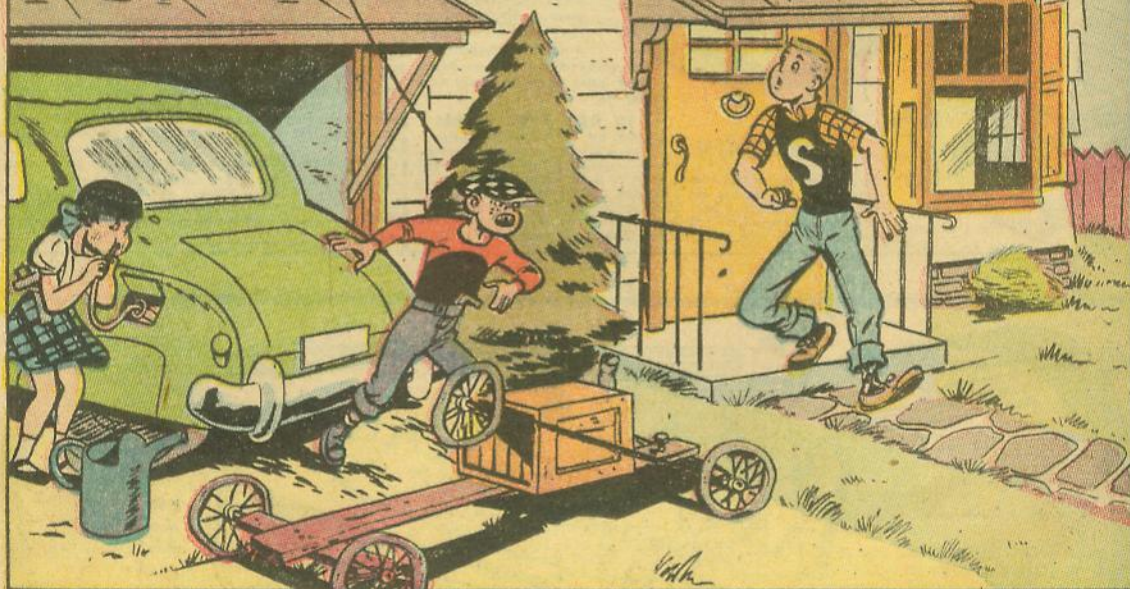
CITY _____ CO. _____ STATE _____

MERTON

WHAT
A
PILL!

CHEEZE IT,
BABY FACE!
WE'RE SPOTTED!

WHAT IN THE
NAME OF GENERAL
GRANT'S GRANDMA ARE
YOU DOING?



WE'RE GETTIN'
GAS FOR OUR
GETAWAY CAR!

AN' WE DON'T
WANT ANY
SQUEALERS!!
BANG! BANG!

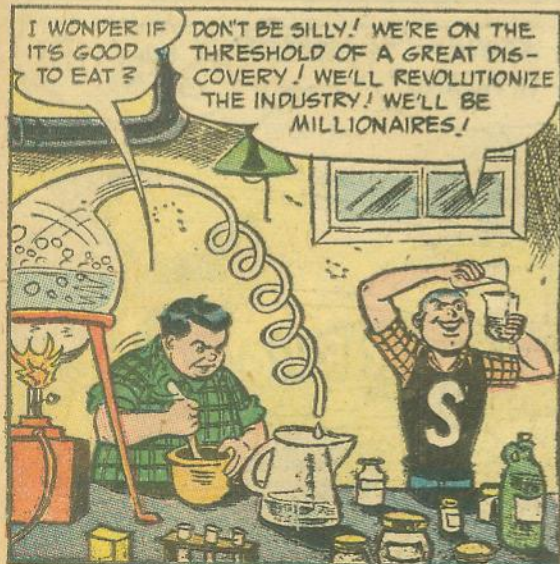
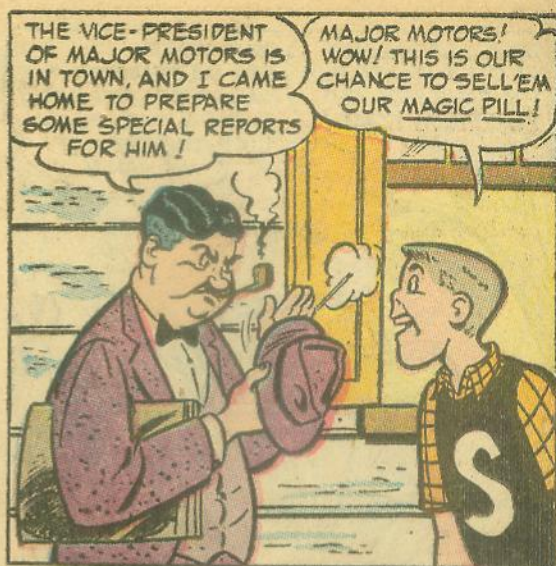
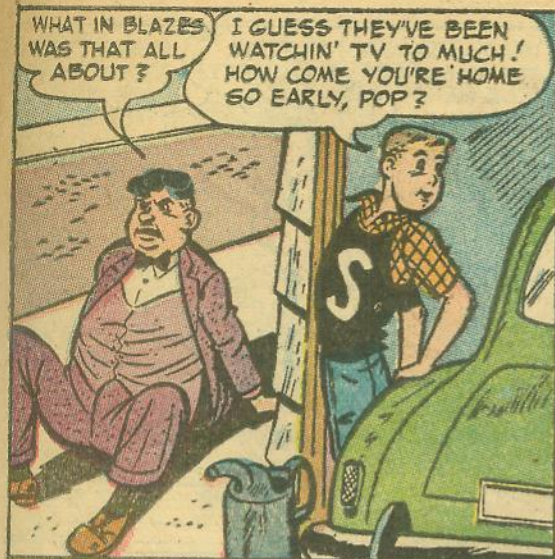
YOU'D BETTER
MAKE THAT
GETAWAY PRETTY
SOON! HERE
COMES POP!

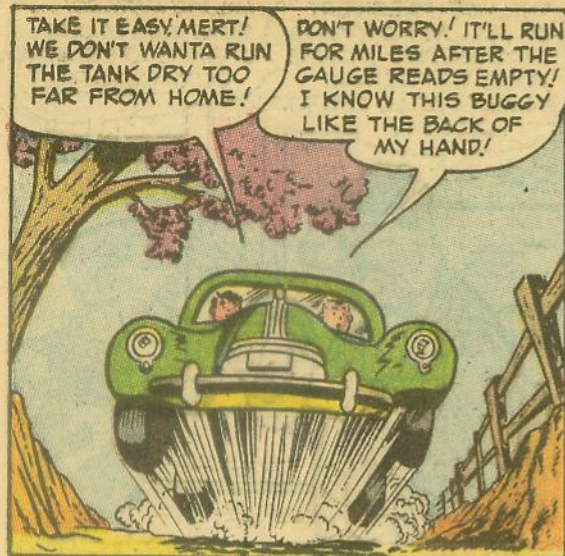
WE'RE
OFF,
BABY
FACE!

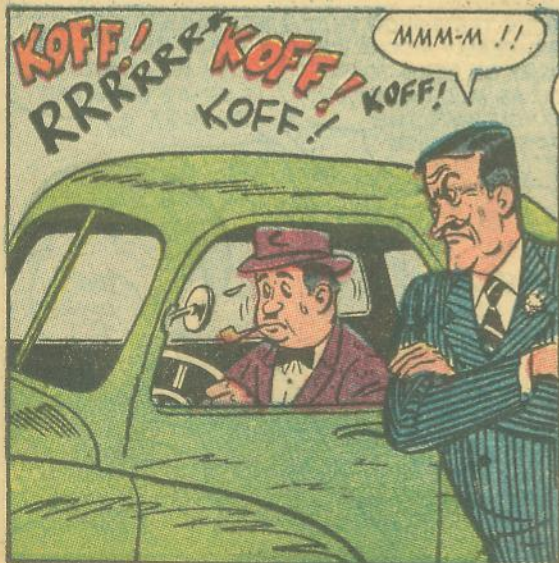
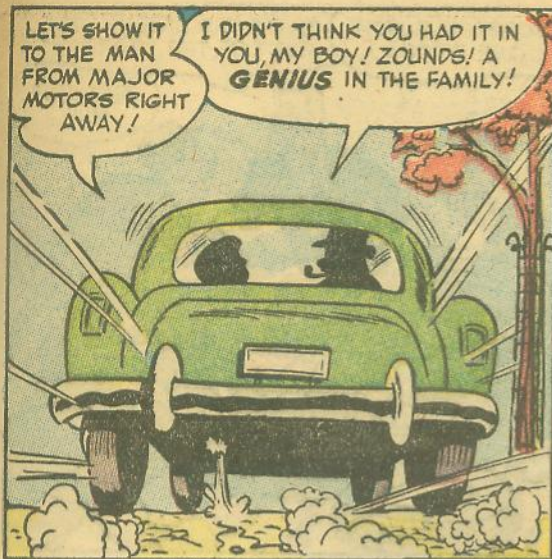
GUN IT, PRETTY
BOY!

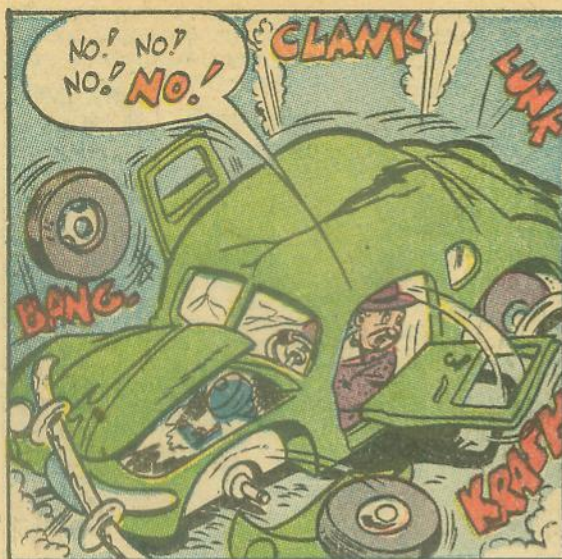
**HOLY
HANNAH!!**













THE SCALE NEAR THE STATION

LOOK, Mr. Junkman, I own this scale outright. I got it at a terrific bargain, but I'm willing to take a loss on it now — so you'll be getting it for next to nothing.

It tells weight perfect — you have my word. It's not an ounce off either way. Step on it right now and see if it doesn't tell you your weight absolutely correct!

NO, Mr. Junkman — DON'T step on it!

I'm too honest — that's my trouble. I have to tell you the truth! Then if you still want the scale — you can have it...

Don't even ask me who brought it here. I know from nothing. Yesterday morning when I came into my candy store near the station, it was standing right where you see it now. This big shiny scale with the sign that says: **YOUR WEIGHT AND FORTUNE — 1c...**

So I thought to myself that the scale company must've sent it themselves on my day off... and chances were in a few days they'd send me a notice about it. Then I forgot all about it, and got to work.

It was a busy morning. Magazines and comic books and candy were going — **HOO-HA** — like hot cakes. I had to keep filling in the shelves from stock — so who even had time to notice if a single person stepped on the scale?

Personally, I'm a little touchy about my weight. It's this candy store business — sitting down so much. So I didn't try it myself.

All of a sudden in the late afternoon a man rushed into the store and pushed one of those little **WEIGHT AND FORTUNE** cards into my face. I saw how very excited he was, so I read it fast without asking what's what. All it said was:

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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FORTUNE

I figured right off the bat that he thought he weighed five pounds more or less — so I got sore.

"I just had that scale checked!" I said. Which wasn't true of course — but if he was cheap enough to fight over a penny, so was I...

His head shook like it was a feather on a fan dancer. When at last he could talk again, he said, "The weight's all right... but turn it over!"

So I turned it.

YOU ARE A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. I read. AND YOU ARE WAITING FOR THE 5:01 TO GLOVERSVILLE.

I looked up. "So what?" I said.

His face got a terrible red. His mouth kept moving like he was a fish out of water. I took a good look at him. He was medium height, very thin, a conservative dresser, the professional type with a black brief case in his hand.

"*H-how did it know?*" he asked. His voice sounded hoarse and faraway.

"Know what?"

"**WHO** I am. **WHERE** I'm going..."

I told myself to be patient. Aloud, I said, "Mister, you got your weight didn't you? I'm very surprised — a refined, educated man like you should take one of these fortunes so serious."

It looked for a minute like he was going to get apoplexy. But then he took a deep breath, wiped his face with his handkerchief, and walked away, talking to himself. A nut, I decided... and turned aside to sell six copies of **MERTON MUDDLE** to a lady with quintuplets.

Two, three hours passed... All that time I noticed out of the corner of my eye that the nut with the briefcase was hanging around the scale, looking it up and down, and still talking to himself. But I'm a busy man — so I didn't bother with him.

Then along came a big beefy-looking guy who bought a dozen candy bars and a Wild West magazine, and asked for a nickel's worth of pennies. Just that minute I was a little slow, so when he left the counter, I followed him with my eyes. Sure enough, he walked right over to the scale and weighed himself. When the card dropped down, he looked at his weight, grunted, and threw the card to the floor. But the loony with the brief case picked the card up and ran after him. I saw them read the fortune together out on the sidewalk, and even from where I was sitting, I could hear them both gasp.

The big beefy guy shook his head like something was hard to believe, and then walked off. But Mr. Brief Case rushed over to me with this second card. When he shoved it under my nose, I saw that his hand was shaking.

This time I read: **YOU ARE A DRESS MANUFACTURER AND YOU ARE WAITING FOR THE 5:42 TO TARRYTOWN.**

I gulped. I scratched my head. This was getting scary... "D-did you check with the man?" I asked. "Was the card right?"

Mr. Brief Case's head moved up and down like a freight elevator in the world's busiest factory.

He cupped his hand to his mouth and moved closer. "H-how does it work?" he whispered.

All I could do was open and close my mouth without making any sounds. He leaned over the counter and banged down on the candy with his fist like a real Mr. District Attorney, and he began to scream

"How did it know my profession and that I was going to Gloversville?" he kept wanting to know at the top of his lungs.

I had to calm him down. I thought fast. "Look," I said, "it's a coincidence — the law of averages. The scale must have a million professions and a million train-times and a million places where people are going. So it came out right twice . . . So what? That don't prove anything —"

That calmed him. His face relaxed. He shrugged. He thought it over for a while, then nodded like he agreed. He smiled sort of foolishly. "Of course," he said, "how stupid of me. I should have thought of it myself. Of course — the law of averages . . ."

To show there were no hard feelings, he bought two **SUPER BRATS** for his kid, shook my hand, and walked away. He was two steps

past the scale when he stopped. By the way his head moved, I could tell he was talking to himself again. Then he shrugged, turned around, reached into his pocket, came out with a penny, and climbed onto the scale.

He put his penny in.

I could hear machinery whizzing around inside the scale.

The card dropped out.

The foolish smile was still on his face as he began to read . . .

Then he screamed and fainted.

I gave a jump over the counter, ran over, and loosened his clothes. Soon his eyes began opening and I knew he was going to be all right. That was when I picked up the card.

YOU ARE A NOSEY FOOL, I read, AND YOU HAVE JUST MISSED THE LAST TRAIN TO GLOVERSVILLE.

And that's when I passed out too . . .

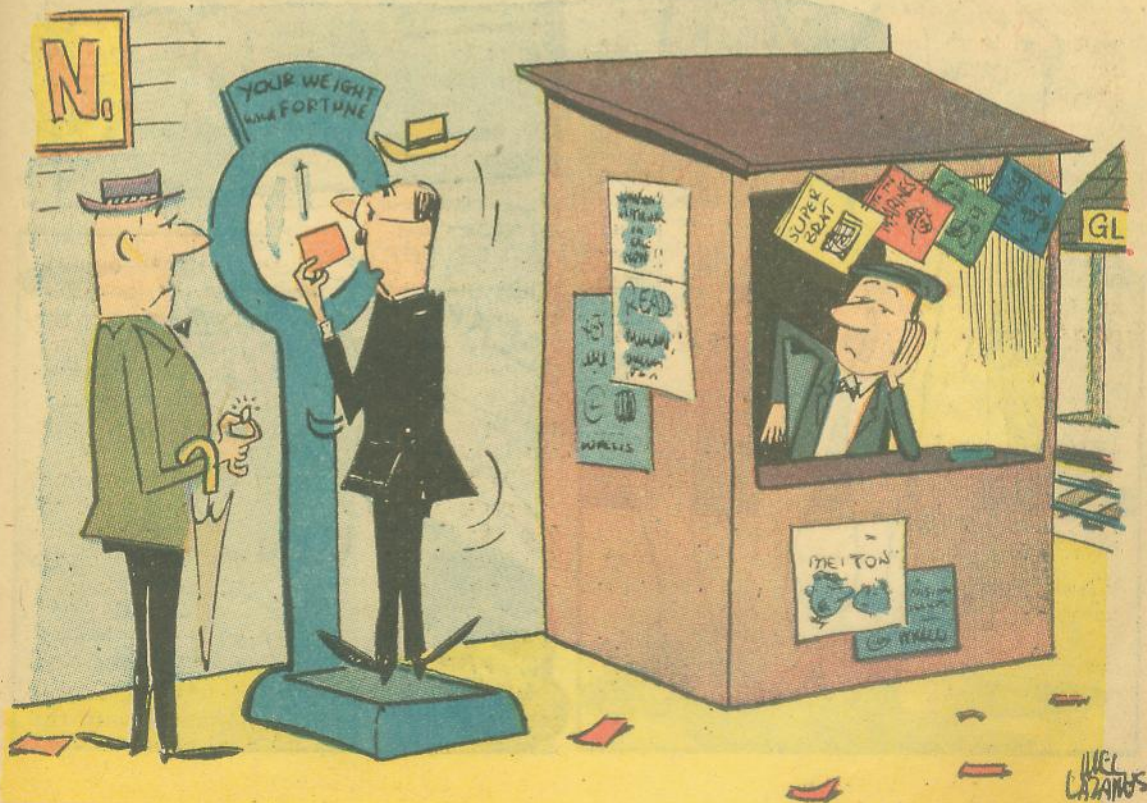
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That's the story, Mr. Junkman. Now you know as much as I do.

When I called the scale company, they said they'd never sent a scale. It came from nowhere. To nowhere I want it to go.

So please — just give me what it's worth in scrap. Or just as good — take it for nothing.

That scale's too smart and I'm too honest.

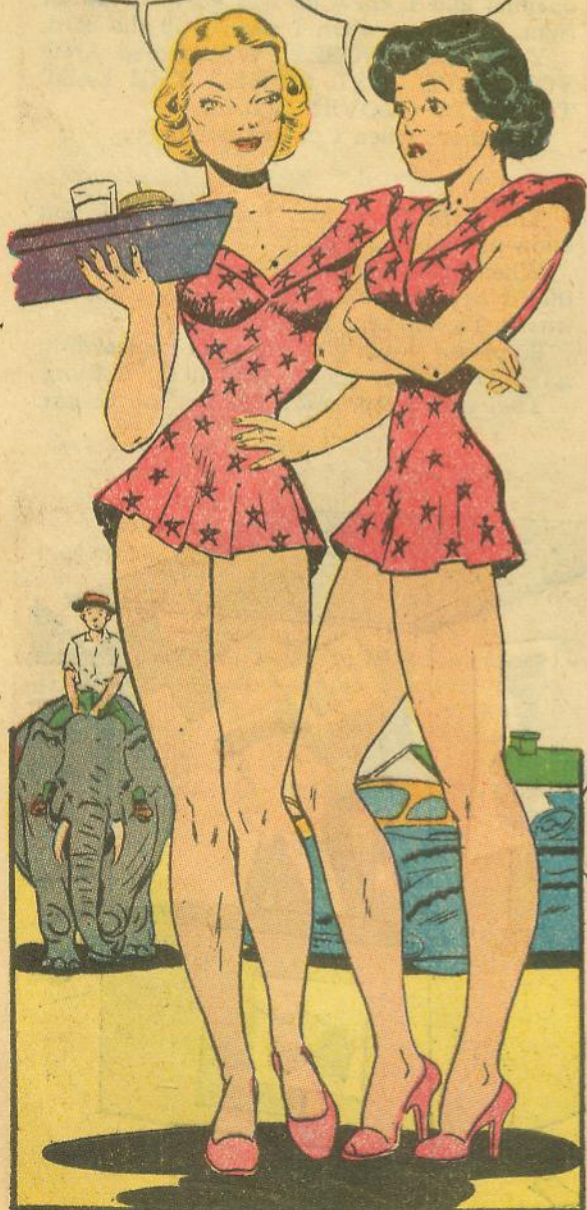


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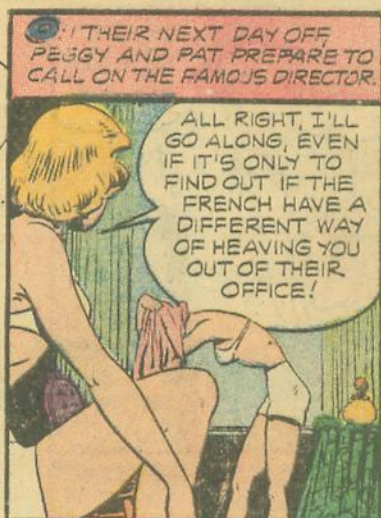
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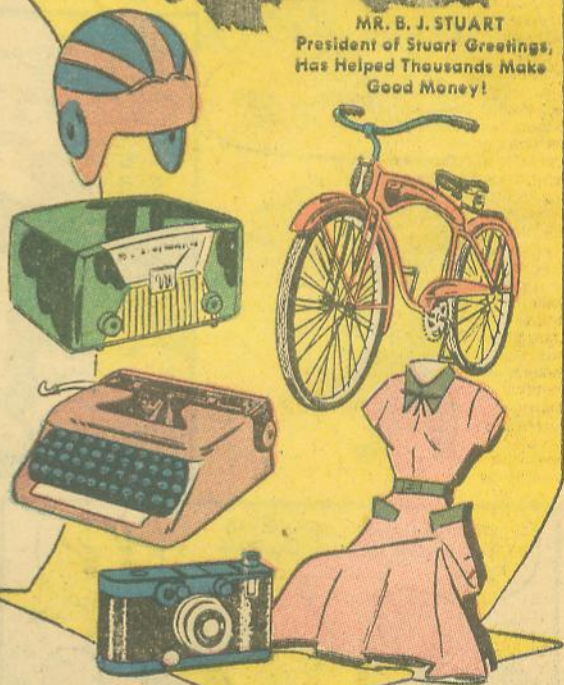
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